Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less An Unceasing Prayer Colossians 1:9-14 Sermon Notes for July 5, 2020

3 Elements of Paul's Prayer pointing us to the sufficiency and supremacy of Jesus to meet our needs:

1. The F of Paul's Prayer

2. The <u>P</u> of Paul's Prayer

3. The <u>A</u> to Paul's Prayer

Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 1:9-14

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Think of a particular situation or need in your life that you have been praying for. Write it down. Each person share the need with the group.
- What has been the focus of your prayers in regards to your particular situation or need?
- What was the focus of Paul's prayer for the Colossians in 1:9?
- How do we often think of God's will for our lives? Is this the same thing that Paul is praying for in Col.1:9? Why? Or Why not?
- According to Col. 1: 10, what is the purpose of Paul's prayer?
- According to Col. 1:12-14, what are the characteristics that Paul desires in the life of the Colossian Christians which become the answers to Paul's prayers?
- Seeing Paul's focus, purpose, and answers to his prayer in this way, how does this change the way you pray about your situation or need?
- Take some time together and pray for the situations and needs that have been shared.

For further Study:

- Look up the following passages to discover what it means to bear fruit in every good work. 1 Cor. 16:15; Rom. 1:13; Hebrews 13:15; Phil. 1:11; Gal. 5:22-23
- For what does Col 1:11 say God empowers us?
- For what should we give thanks to the Father? How should this change the way we pray?